

death was guilty. In Deut. xxi provision is made for the case of a murdered man whose corpse is found, with customs of wide range for performing rites of purification, and washing hands to put away guilt or suspicion.

549. Peace units and peace pacts. The In-group when It is merged in a state by conquest and compounding becomes a peace unit. All in the same civil body are united by a peace pact. If the central authority cannot suppress local war and private war, it is inadequate, and the state is liable to disruption. The Roman empire was a peace unit of high integration and complete efficiency. It could not, however, maintain itself, and broke up by internal strife which the central authority could not suppress. The Roman law was the peace pact of that peace unit. It was so good a solution of the collisions of human interests that it has been borrowed, or used by modern states as a model. The Romish church in the Middle Ages tried to rule the world, not by force but by dogmas like catholicity. Catholicity was an attempt to build a peace pact on ideals, and big ideas, and sympathies. Islam also tries to serve as a peace pact, but Moslem states have freely fought with each other. Islam does not contain an adequate philosophy. Its theories of society are theocratic and do not meet the actual facts and problems. If a union of two or more states is made, even for the purpose of aggregating more force for war, it will necessarily be a peace union when regarded from within. A confederation is the highest organization yet invented for the purpose of making a great peace union without interfering with domestic autonomy. Norway and Sweden, Austria and Hungary, are states united in

couples under a
 rational peace pact. The former couple has been
 disrupted ; the
 latter is convulsed by quarrels between its
 members. The
 United States is a great peace unit, with a rational
 peace pact as
 a bond of union. It has gone through one great
 convulsion, from
 which it issued with the peace pact greatly
 strengthened. It
 tends to become a consolidated empire. This can be
 seen in the
 propositions to turn over various subjects of
 domestic importance
 to the federal authority. Happiness and
 prosperity have been

¹ Deut. xxiv. 16; 2 Kings xiv. 6; Ezek. xviii. 19.